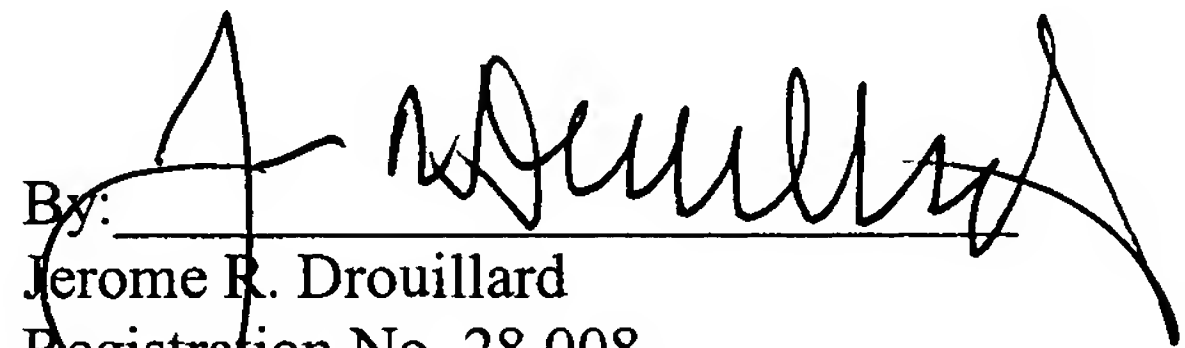


REMARKS

Claims 1 – 17 are in the application. Claim 17 stands allowed. Claims 1 – 16 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 – 16 of copending Application No. 10/604,075, which is assigned to the assignee of the present invention and which has the identical inventive entity. As a result, Applicants have furnished a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate this double patenting rejection. Further, Applicants have submitted a substitute Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67 which acknowledges inter-alia, the duty to disclose information under 37 CFR 1.56(a) and 37 CFR 1.56(e).

Applicants respectfully submit that with the entry of the previously described Terminal Disclaimer and substitute Declaration, this case is now in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

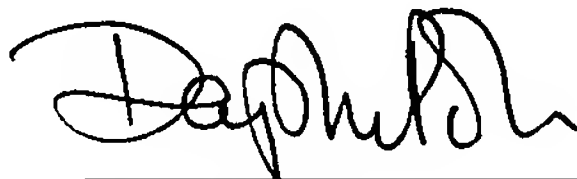
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